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SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE AND TESTING SYSTEM AND TESTING

METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Figures 3(a) and 3(b) show illustrations for describing problems that conventional ferroelectric memories have.

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Figures 11(a) and 11(b) show circuit diagrams illustrating example arrangements of a sample hold circuit according to embodiment 2 of the invention (where the circuit is provided for one bit-line).

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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include a description of each of the figures shown in the formal drawings. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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